Fellowships at the Medici Archive Project

Florence, Sep 1, 2025–Apr 14, 2026
Application deadline: Jun 15, 2025

The Medici Archive Project

The Medici Archive Project is offering twelve short-term fellowships for graduate, pre-doctoral students, and postdoctoral candidates, working on fields related to early modern Italy (preferably with a specific emphasis on Tuscany or Medici history).

SAMUEL H. KRESS FELLOWSHIPS (2)
Thanks to the continued support of the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, The Medici Archive Project is offering two fellowships for graduate and/or pre-doctoral students to undertake specialized archival research on-site at the Archivio di Stato as well as other archival collections housed in Florence and across Tuscany.
These fellowships are especially aimed to provide graduate and pre-doctoral students in art and architectural history with the opportunity to examine original source materials, receive scholarly guidance from MAP Staff, present their findings at MAP-sponsored conferences and workshops, and enroll in MAP's Paleography and Archival Studies Seminar.
Each fellowship will last for an uninterrupted period of three months, taking place at any point between 1 September 2025 and 23 December 2025 (FALL SEMESTER) and 1 January 2026 and 20 July 2026 (SPRING SEMESTER)
Fellows will be asked to participate at academic and scholarly activities (conferences, workshops, lectures) at the Medici Archive Project.
The fellowship stipend is USD 8,000.
Fellows will be responsible for their travel and accommodations in Florence.
Eligible candidates must either have American citizenship or be enrolled in graduate programs at universities in the United States.

EVA SCHLER FELLOWSHIPS (4)
Thanks to the generous gift from Joan A. McClure and Michael L. Schler, in honor of Michael's late mother Eva, the Medici Archive Project is offering four short-term fellowships for graduate and/or pre-doctoral students of any nationality working on any field related to early modern Italy (preferably with a specific emphasis on Tuscany or Medici history).
This scholarly residence will be of considerable benefit in helping students to gain the necessary skills, experience and confidence to continue independent academic research in their academic specialization. While undertaking research on primary sources in Florence, fellows will benefit from the supervision of the MAP Staff as well as from academics drawn from a variety of disciplines, who are experts in archival research, paleography, and digital humanities. Fellowship recipients will attend the annual MAP Paleography and Archival Studies Seminar.
Each fellowship will last for an uninterrupted period of three months, taking place at any point

between 1 September 2025 and 23 December 2025 (FALL SEMESTER) and 1 January 2026 and 20 July 2026 (SPRING SEMESTER).
Fellows will be asked to participate at academic and scholarly activities (conferences, workshops, lectures) at the Medici Archive Project.
The fellowship stipend is USD 8,000.
Fellows will be responsible for their travel and accommodations in Florence.
The fellowships are open to candidates from all nationalities.

BEATRICE SOLOMON FELLOWSHIPS (4)
These four fellowships are especially aimed to provide graduate and/or pre-doctoral students in the field of art history (with a specific focus on women artists or patrons at the time of the Medici) and early modern Italian Jewry with the opportunity to examine/explore original source materials, receive scholarly guidance from MAP Staff, present their findings at MAP-sponsored conferences and workshops, and enroll in MAP's Paleography and Archival Studies Seminar.
Each fellowship will last for an uninterrupted period of three months, taking place at any point between 1 September 2025 and 23 December 2025 (FALL SEMESTER) and 1 January 2026 and 20 July 2026 (SPRING SEMESTER).
Fellows will be asked to participate at academic and scholarly activities (conferences, workshops, lectures) at the Medici Archive Project.
The fellowship stipend is USD 8,000.
Fellows will be responsible for their travel and accommodations in Florence.
This fellowship is open to scholars of all nationalities.

SAMUEL FREEMAN CHARITABLE TRUST FELLOWSHIPS (2)
Thanks to the support of the Samuel Freeman Charitable Trust (SFCT) the Medici Archive Project is offering two short-term fellowships for pre-doctoral students who are in the early stages of their dissertation work, or for postdoctoral candidates who have finished their PhD within a year, in any field of the humanities or social sciences. The SFCT fellowships have been developed to enable students and fellows working on their dissertations or research projects to conduct primary research using the Mediceo del Principato and other collections housed in the Archivio di Stato or in other private Archives in Florence.
This scholarly residence will be of considerable benefit in helping fellows and students to gain the necessary skills, experience and confidence to continue independent academic research in the later stages of their graduate trajectory. Fellowship recipients will attend the annual MAP Archival Studies Seminar.
Each fellowship will last for an uninterrupted period of three months, taking place at any point between 1 September 2025 and 23 December 2025 (FALL SEMESTER) and 1 January 2026 and 20 July 2026 (SPRING SEMESTER).
Fellows will be asked to participate at academic and scholarly activities (conferences, workshops, lectures) at the Medici Archive Project.
The fellowship stipend is USD 8,000.
Fellows will be responsible for their travel and accommodations in Florence.
This fellowship is open to scholars of all nationalities.

There is no application form for the fellowships.
Instead, suitable candidates are invited to send via email to education@medici.org, the following documents in a single PDF by 15 June 2025:
1) A cover letter specifying the selected months for the fellowship.
2) A short essay (no more than two pages) on how the candidate's project will benefit from archival research.
3) A curriculum vitae.
4) The name and email address of a scholar in the field, preferably the candidate's supervisor, who can comment on the applicant's qualifications and the merits of the research proposal (please do not include letters of recommendation with the application).
Applicants can apply for only one fellowship.

To apply for these fellowships, the following material should be sent electronically to education@medici.org with the heading: SAMUEL H. KRESS FELLOWSHIP 2025; BEATRICE SOLOMON FELLOWSHIP 2025; EVA SCHLER FELLOWSHIP 2025; SAMUEL FREEMAN FELLOWSHIP 2025.
Please do not include supplementary material (publications, papers, syllabi, etc.).
All application material must be submitted in English.

For further information, contact Federico Giglio: education@medici.org.

Reference:
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